

The Director of Central Intelligence
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The Honorable Jean B. Gerard
American Ambassador
US Mission to the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization
Paris, France

Dear Jean:

I've been looking into that [redacted] matter, and thus far here's what I've learned:

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[redacted] may consider its offer to be still on the table. But as best I can determine, in no formal way has the offer been made recently.

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This does not, alas, preclude the possibility of an informal offer to one of the geniuses who populate your Department, who in turn may have booted away the best opportunity to come our way in years.

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I continue to check into this, and would welcome any further details you can provide.

Speaking to the geniuses who populate your Department, I was dismayed to read that the one you were planning to meet at the airport the day after our dinner has set in motion what looks to be a process whereby the US will begin to negotiate with itself over the terms of our remaining in UNESCO. Will these people never learn how to win?

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[redacted] In addition to being a scientific genius, [redacted] is an eloquent writer and politically quite savvy. He's also a hawk, although his search for a middle-ground policy sometimes obscures this. One key point of the series: for reasons of science and technology, the initiative in warfare is undergoing an historic shift from offense to defense. Among the very few who have grasped this is our President, as evidenced by his call for a BMD

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program. (I shall spend a few days next week at Los Alamos, talking with the people who are turning the so-called Strategic Defense Initiative into reality.) I suspect the approach that [] recommends will eventually emerge as US policy. Thus I highly commend his series to your attention, despite the time required to read it; let me know if you can't easily locate the issues.

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Sincerely,



Herbert E. Meyer
Vice Chairman